

## MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

### I.—THE RECORD SKULL OF AN INDIAN CLOUDED LEOPARD (*NEOFELIS NEBULOSA* GRIFFITH).

Although in Rowland Ward's Records for 1935 skin-measurements of the Clouded Leopard are entered, no mention is made of the skulls presumably because they were considered to be of no interest to Indian sportsmen. Since some of the readers of the *Journal* may be interested in the subject, I give the conventional dimensions of the skull of an adult ♂ from Assam which appears to be a little longer than any skull of which the measurements have hitherto been published. It was figured by Gray in 1867, by Blanford in his Mammals of British India, p. 73 and by myself in vol. i of my edition of this work, p. 247, 1939. The skull itself, however, was not available to me when I drew up the table of measurements (p. 252). In that table the largest specimen entered was an adult ♂ from Nepal which is appreciably shorter. But in the Appendix to vol. ii of the same work, 1941, p. 475, I gave the dimensions of an adult ♂ from Sumatra which exceeded the Nepal skull.

In the following table the length and breadth of 4 skulls are entered in English inches and in millimetres, the latter being in brackets:—

<i>Locality</i>		<i>Total length</i>	<i>Zygomatic width</i>
Assam (Zool. Soc.) ad. ♂	...	7 $\frac{3}{4}$ (192)	4 $\frac{3}{4}$ (121)
Nepal (Hodgson) ad. ♂	...	7 $\frac{1}{10}$ (180)	4 $\frac{3}{4}$ (121)
Tista, Sikkim (Frost) just ad. ♂	...	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ (167)	4 (162)
Sumatra (Frost) ad. ♂	...	7 $\frac{1}{2}$ (190)	4 $\frac{9}{10}$ (125)

It may be noted that the two largest skulls are longer than the ♂ skull of a Snow Leopard entered on p. 242 of my vol. i and longer than several ♀ skulls of Panthers entered on p. 230.

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### II.—ELEPHANT AND BISON ON ROAD WAYS.

Two incidents recently occurred on the Ghat Road leading down from the Billigirirangan Hills. The first in connection with elephants and a cart-bull, and the second a solitary bull bison—obviously sick—and a motor car.

(1) A single cart-bull had been trotting in front of a car travelling from the Estate down the Ghat for some way, and eventually the